

MONTHLY STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA - JANUARY, 1960

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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 30.9.1959 -

Metropolitan at 30.6.1959.

Males - 369,526 Females - 352,795 Persons - 722,321

Persons - 389,000

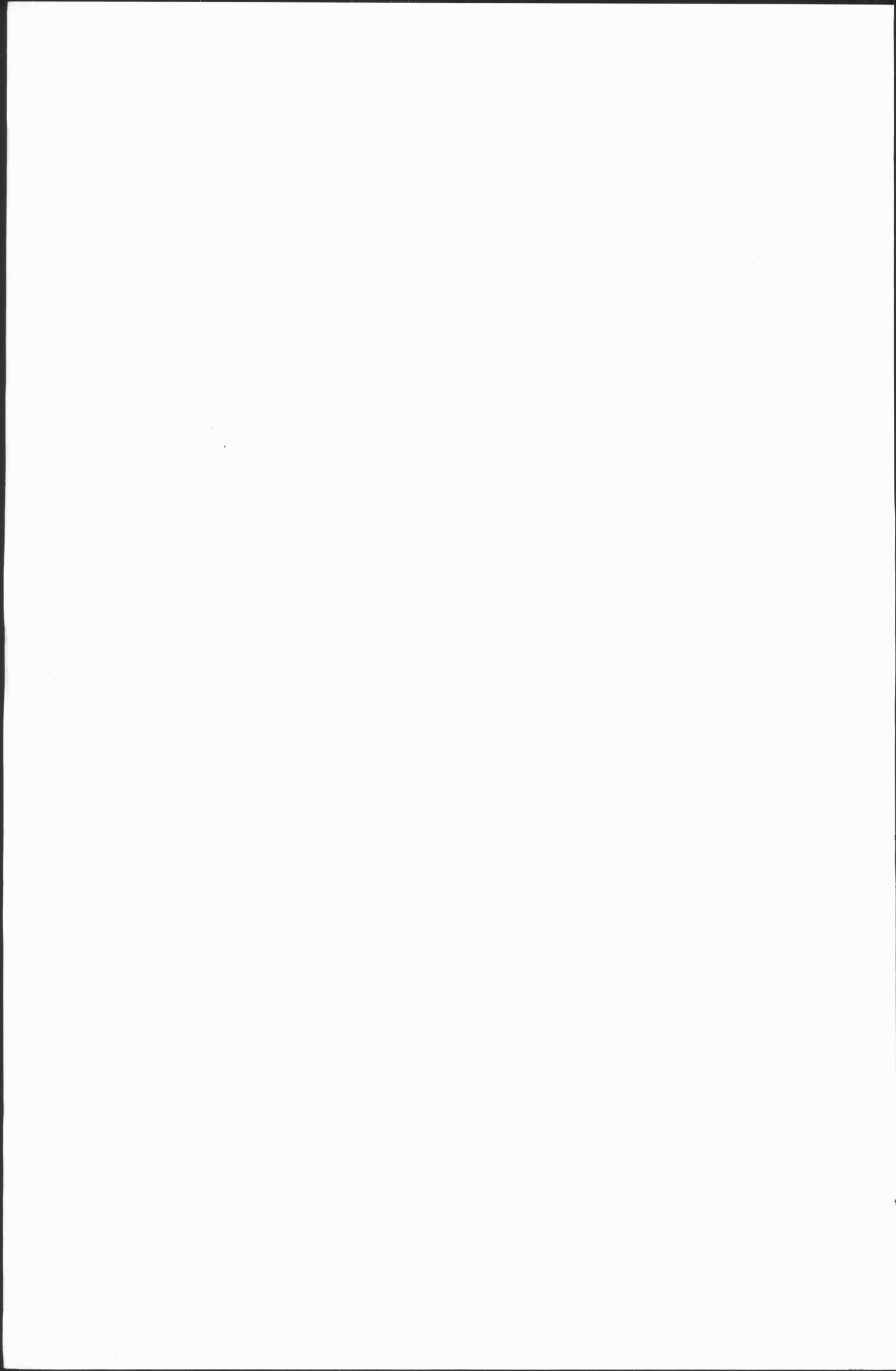
MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Particulars	DECEMBER				Twelve Months ended DECEMBER			
	1959		1958		1959		1958	
	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)
Marriages	503	8.16	407	6.72	5,391	7.50	5,038	7.14
Births	1,332	21.62	1,376	22.73	17,113	23.81	16,731	23.71
Deaths	454	7.37	446	7.37	5,497	7.65	5,554	7.87
Infant Mortality (b)	43	32.28	41	29.80	345	20.16	360	21.52

(a) Equivalent annual rate per 1,000 of population except for Infant Mortality which represents rate per 1,000 live births. (b) Deaths under one year.

DEATHS BY PRINCIPAL CAUSES

Cause	DECEMBER		Twelve Months ended DECEMBER	
	1959	1958	1959	1958
Tuberculosis	-	4	25	27
Malignant neoplasma	72	69	905	880
Diabetes mellitus	4	3	47	57
Diseases of blood, etc.	2	1	17	14
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	47	56	613	691
Diseases of the heart	138	127	1,783	1,814
Hypertension with heart disease	10	6	125	154
Other hypertensive diseases	1	6	48	53
Arteriosclerosis	12	5	145	126
Influenza	-	-	82	9
Pneumonia	13	22	210	204
Bronchitis	5	5	82	74
Other respiratory diseases	4	9	61	62
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	3	6	34	45
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	5	3	28	30
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	2	-	9	10
Cirrhosis of the liver	-	3	23	32
Nephritis and nephrosis	8	5	64	64
Disease of the prostate	3	4	51	47
Maternal causes	-	-	5	8
Diseases of early infancy	27	22	197	201
Motor vehicle accidents	16	16	172	191
Other accidents	15	25	166	171
Suicide	11	7	86	103
All other causes	56	42	519	487
Total:	454	446	5,497	5,554



LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during January, 1960, totalled 86,307 acres, a decrease of 26,102 acres compared with the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered during the same period amounted to 1,100 acres, a decrease of 86,677 acres compared with the corresponding period of 1959.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	JANUARY		Seven Months ended JANUARY	
	1960	1959	1960	1959
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	4,347,837	4,952,028	33,497,275	32,596,613
Revenue per Head of Population	5. 19. 8	6. 18. 9	46. 6. 7	45. 18. 9
Expenditure	4,904,154	4,932,913	37,534,272	36,777,427
Expenditure per Head of Population	6. 15. 0	6. 18. 3	51. 18. 3	51. 16. 7

SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances at the end of January, 1960, amounted to £75,426,849 or £103-15-0 per head of population as against £68,178,948 or £95-10-0 per head at the end of January, 1959.

BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for the four weeks ended 28th January, 1960, amounted to £21,434,932 compared with £17,929,843 for the corresponding period last year.

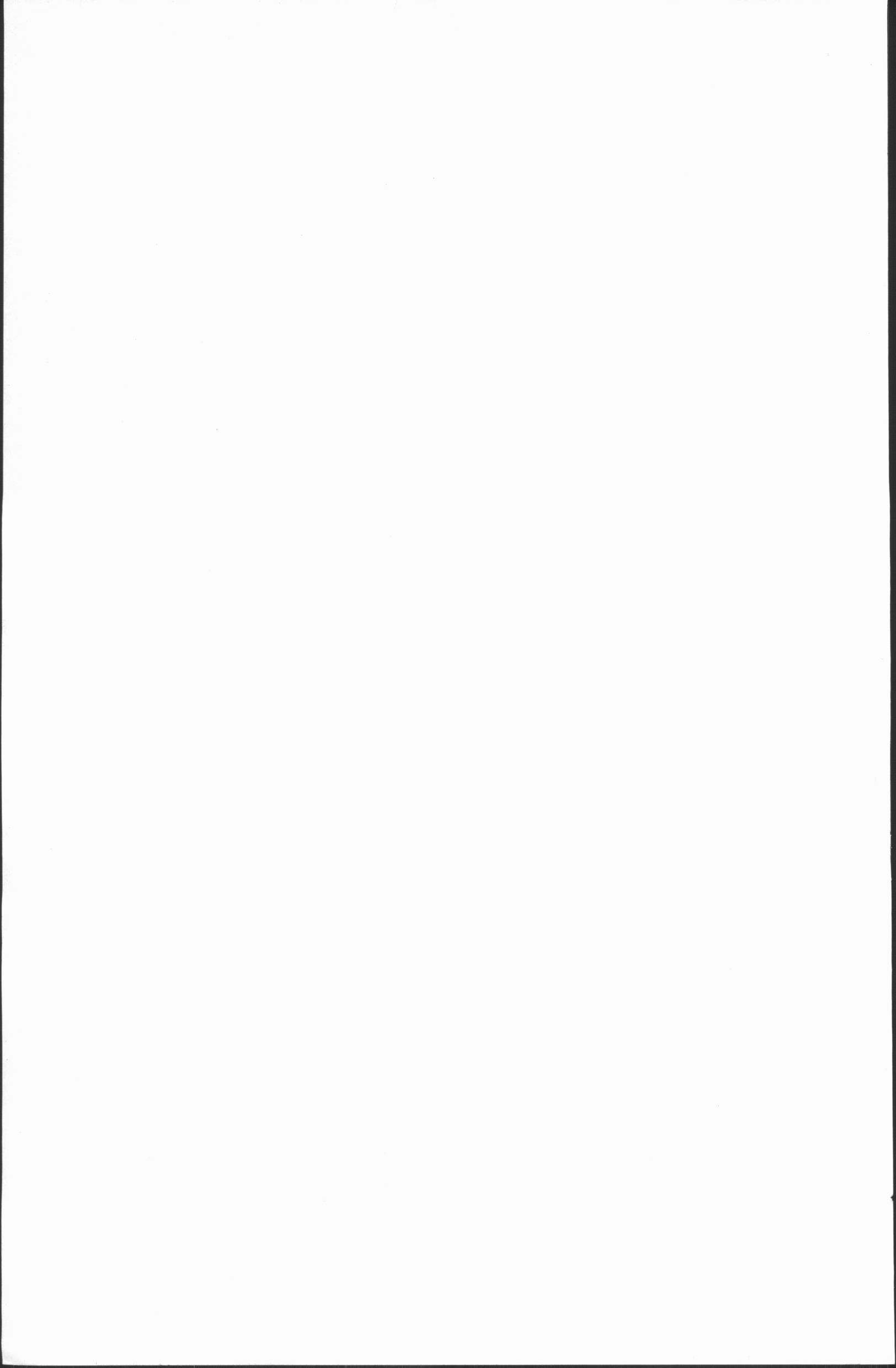
REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		JANUARY		Seven Months ended JANUARY	
		1960	1959	1960	1959
Transfers	No.	1,501	1,280	12,472	11,072
	£.	2,794,445	2,536,350	20,140,519	17,886,407
Mortgages	No.	1,102	975	9,214	8,572
	£.	2,299,814	1,807,454	19,486,905	16,386,024
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	842	740	7,163	6,341

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS

AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
January, 1960	4,758,638	3,275,661	12,251,743	700,514
January, 1959	4,822,207	2,683,861	9,819,348	706,460
Seven Months ended January, 1960	30,618,728	23,767,224	77,979,429	5,018,058
Seven Months ended January, 1959	28,279,766	21,853,103	70,405,454	4,235,154





COMPANIES REGISTERED

191 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £8,745,800 and 86 Foreign Companies were registered during the seven months ended January, 1960. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 140 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £7,090,850 and 72 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

Item	Seven Months ended JANUARY					
	1960			1959		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
		£.	£.		£.	£.
Sequestration Orders	72	133,333	35,097	68	360,760	79,603
Compositions, Assignments and Deeds of Arrangement(a)	47	153,586	185,445	59	338,735	306,228

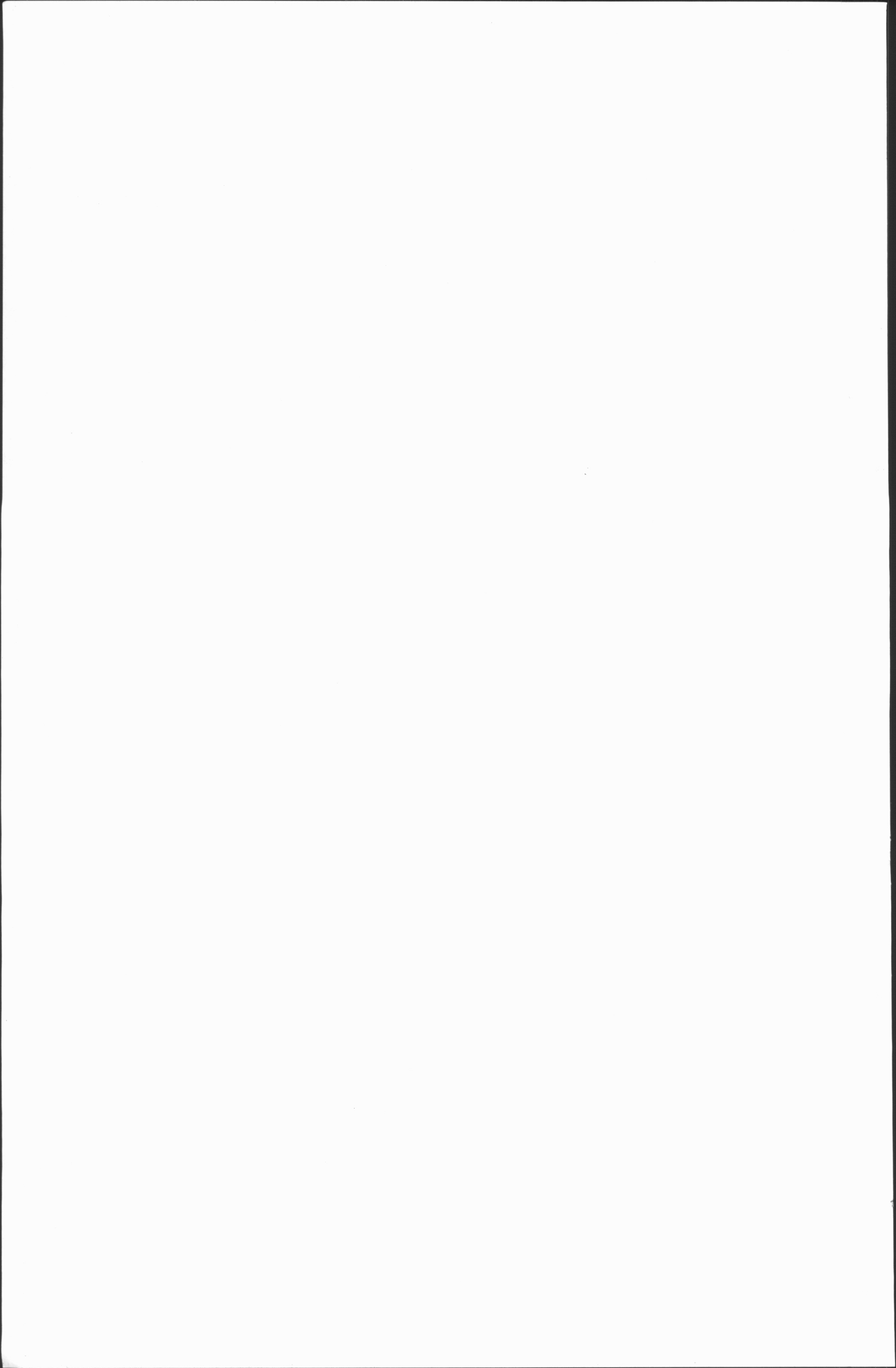
(a) Under Parts XI and XII of Bankruptcy Act.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

Item	DECEMBER		Six Months ended DECEMBER	
	1959	1958	1959	1958
Gross Earnings (a)*	£. 1,178,300	1,138,000	7,231,400	6,338,100
Operating Expenses (a)	£. 1,280,762	1,239,796	7,647,758	7,408,313
Train Miles Run	No. 661,646	655,284	3,998,639	3,715,453
Motor Bus Miles Run	No. (b) 92,611	(c) 89,648	(d) 578,889	(e) 563,981
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>				
Train	No. 1,000,031	1,087,389	7,079,362	7,134,641
Motor Bus	No. 21,449	22,441	134,559	132,924
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>				
Paying Goods	352,775	306,865	1,968,223	1,539,348
Livestock	12,144	12,270	94,464	88,240
Departmental (Free Freight)	49,752	47,848	348,872	364,240
Total:	414,671	366,983	2,411,559	1,991,828
<u>Net Ton Milage of -</u>				
Paying Goods	51,372,683	49,964,405	316,165,277	256,212,821
Livestock	1,602,269	1,577,196	12,394,719	12,000,017
Departmental (Free Freight)	4,404,864	4,402,911	32,808,257	34,010,114
Total:	57,379,816	55,944,512	361,368,253	302,222,952

- (a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.  
 (b) Four weeks ended 5th December.  
 (c) Four weeks ended 6th December.  
 (d) Period 1st July to 5th December.  
 (e) Period 1st July to 6th December  
 \* Figures subject to revision.



# MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

## (1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area					Whole State (a)				
	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1955	6,852	162	2,371	18	701	11,612	233	5,373	59	1,130
1956	5,219	97	1,759	24	724	9,067	169	4,413	85	1,057
1957	5,639	228	1,856	35	1,007	9,865	370	4,385	71	1,447
1958	5,794	762	1,942	15	1,306	9,548	1,290	4,784	43	1,860
1959	5,957	1,205	2,454	20	1,615	9,785	1,962	5,684	55	2,187
1959 -										
January	435	77	180	-	149	732	118	419	3	182
February	446	68	153	-	166	719	108	398	10	214
March	393	88	138	-	134	656	129	404	6	191
April	419	82	197	1	151	692	119	457	4	197
May	408	85	216	-	150	682	126	465	2	203
June	434	99	208	1	105	721	155	450	3	144
July	479	123	229	-	118	799	176	486	2	176
August	489	109	225	9	76	814	139	487	12	125
September	528	132	249	3	131	828	210	514	4	181
October	578	117	256	1	128	959	207	571	2	163
November	703	112	196	1	138	1,091	207	505	1	194
December	645	113	207	4	169	1,092	218	528	6	217

## (2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Whole State (a)			
	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1957 -								
June	65,013	24,354	560	8,770	103,788	64,806	1,204	13,146
December	67,315	24,209	592	8,389	107,052	64,236	1,234	12,599
1958 -								
June	69,414	24,217	553	8,580	110,573	65,046	1,190	12,827
December	73,190	24,908	545	8,759	114,685	65,582	1,177	12,935
1959 -								
January	74,068	25,172	560	8,870	115,044	65,100	1,082	12,826
February	74,286	25,139	564	8,961	115,371	65,174	1,175	12,971
March	74,510	25,170	564	8,995	116,297	65,870	1,184	13,183
April	75,009	25,236	566	9,031	116,494	65,518	1,183	13,052
May	75,110	25,217	583	9,084	117,375	66,160	1,207	13,291
June	75,203	25,222	584	9,080	118,112	66,617	1,213	13,411
July	76,871	25,687	588	9,113	118,069	64,960	1,197	12,894
August	77,129	25,707	598	9,095	118,987	65,464	1,210	12,986
September	77,303	25,762	572	9,139	119,778	65,928	1,185	13,128
October	77,933	25,900	571	9,202	120,522	66,147	1,181	13,030
November	78,351	25,924	564	9,258	121,975	67,269	1,179	13,268
December	78,759	25,955	571	9,416	123,293	68,017	1,191	13,559

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services

## TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Expressed in Terms of Australian Currency  
(£,000)

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	DECEMBER		Six Months ended DECEMBER		DECEMBER		Six Months ended DECEMBER	
	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958
Oversea	4,444	3,131	22,354	25,049	11,975	8,213	54,458	44,056
Interstate	13,270	8,298	59,008	51,038	1,571	3,785	16,988	17,127
Total:	17,714	11,429	81,362	76,087	13,546	11,998	71,446	61,183



# BUILDING ACTIVITY

## (1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,242	8,496	19,934
1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
1955	2,788	8,194	6,422	18,091	129	3,405	933	6,900	10,272	36,590
1956	1,921	5,708	4,773	13,508	97	946	923	7,359	7,714	27,521
1957	1,401	4,086	4,748	13,680	100	1,110	714	6,450	6,963	25,326
1958	1,371	3,884	4,638	13,978	146	1,851	714	10,735	6,869	30,448
1959 -										
March Qr.	366	981	1,028	3,071	24	139	161	2,045	1,579	6,236
June Qr.	409	1,107	1,066	3,192	41	277	184	1,923	1,700	6,499
Sept. Qr.	367	961	1,251	3,682	37	332	182	2,286	1,837	7,261

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residentials excluded from Table (2) below.

## (2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

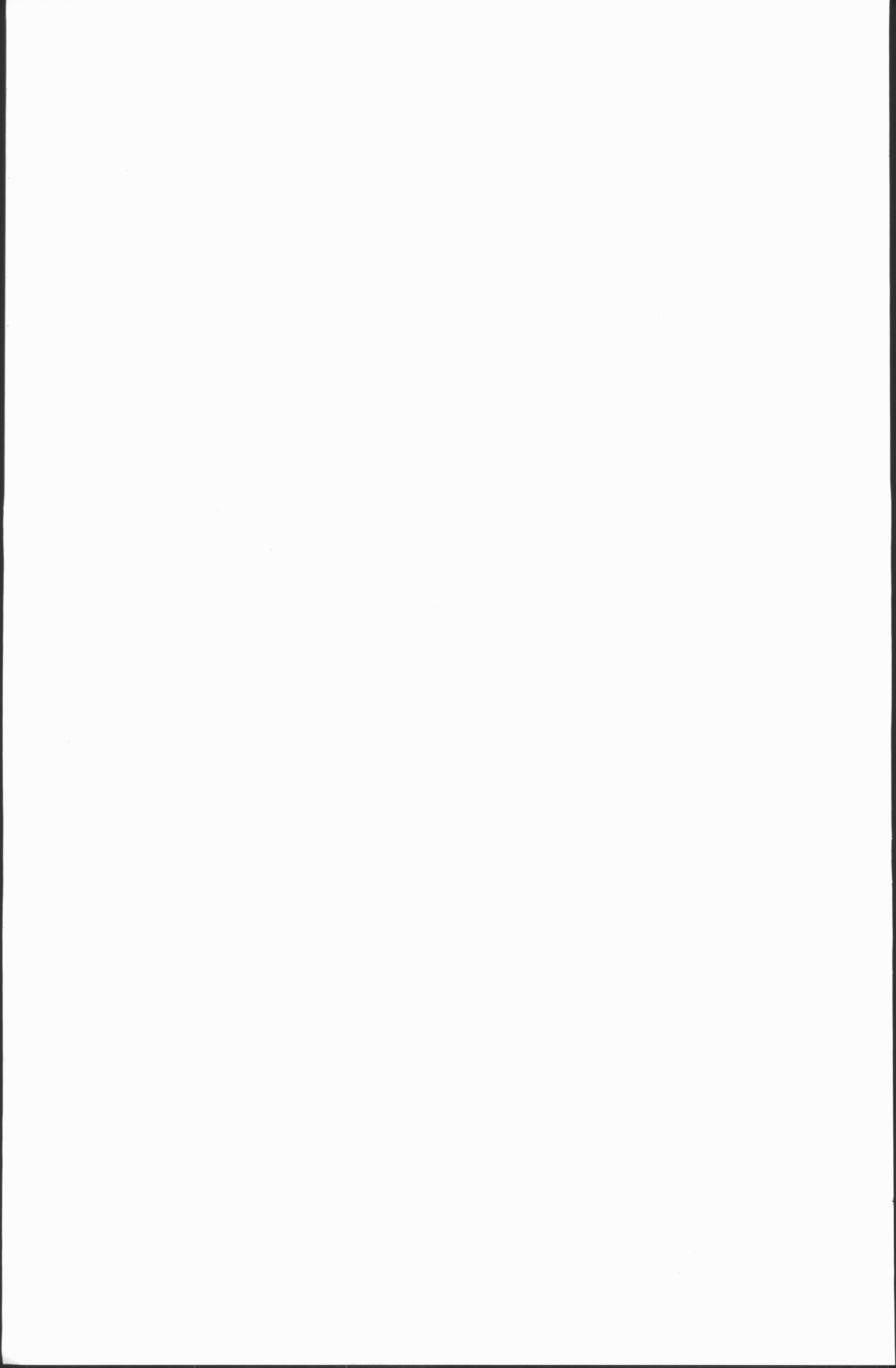
(includes Owner-Built Houses)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Cement, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
1954	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
1955	3,268	11,775	225	621	5,271	12,614	8	17	8,772	25,027
1956	3,017	10,491	62	175	2,964	6,864	4	9	6,047	17,539
1957	3,773	12,159	28	67	2,139	4,890	6	9	5,946	17,125
1958	3,764	12,501	41	115	1,935	4,547	3	4	5,743	17,167
1959 -										
March Qr.	831	2,775	9	19	532	1,215	1	2	1,373	4,011
June Qr.	891	2,946	8	18	531	1,200	3	9	1,433	4,173
Sept. Qr.	969	3,125	5	15	561	1,304	2	2	1,537	4,446

## GOLD PRODUCTION (a)

Item		DECEMBER		Twelve Months ended DECEMBER	
		1959	1958	1959	1958
Quantity	Fine oz.	117,474	120,106	866,609	867,188
Value (Aust. Currency)	£.	1,835,530	1,876,657	13,540,162	13,549,788
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies	£.	795,390	666,107	*2,085,390	2,067,826

(a) Comprises gold refined at the Mint and gold contained in gold-bearing materials exported. Value is in terms of Australian currency, excluding amounts realized by the Gold Producers' Association Limited on sales of Western Australian gold and amount of subsidy paid by the Commonwealth Government. \* Revised.



# RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities for 1923/27 = 1000)

Centre	Food and Groceries				"C" Series			
	DECEMBER Quarter		Twelve Months ended DECEMBER		DECEMBER Quarter		Twelve Months ended DECEMBER	
	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959
Metropolitan Area	2963	3075	2972	3071	2755	2824	2743	2807
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	3232	3362	3205	3326	2670	2736	2653	2712
Northam	3087	3129	3093	3136	2711	2754	2707	2740
Bunbury	3044	3078	3111	3091	2785	2850	2790	2833
Geraldton	3247	3442	3231	3371	2974	3112	2955	3064
Collie	3146	3212	3183	3213	2527	2570	2531	3057

## WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Excluding Wage Earners in Rural Industry, Female Private Domestic, Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp).

(Thousands)

Month	Males	Females	Persons	Month	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1958:</u>				<u>1959:</u>			
January	138.7	45.2	183.9	January	139.2	46.5	185.7
February	138.9	45.7	184.6	February	139.2	46.5	185.7
March	139.8	46.0	185.8	March	139.7	46.8	186.5
April	139.4	45.9	185.3	April	139.8	46.8	186.6
May	138.8	45.9	184.7	May	139.5	47.1	186.6
June	138.6	45.6	184.2	June	139.5	46.8	186.3
July	138.1	45.6	183.7	July	139.6	46.8	186.4
August	138.3	45.9	184.2	August	139.4	46.7	186.1
September	138.8	46.2	185.0	September	140.2	47.1	187.3
October	139.2	46.2	185.4	October	140.5	47.4	187.9
November	139.1	46.4	185.5	November	140.6	48.0	188.6
December	139.3	46.8	186.1	December	140.3	48.0	188.3

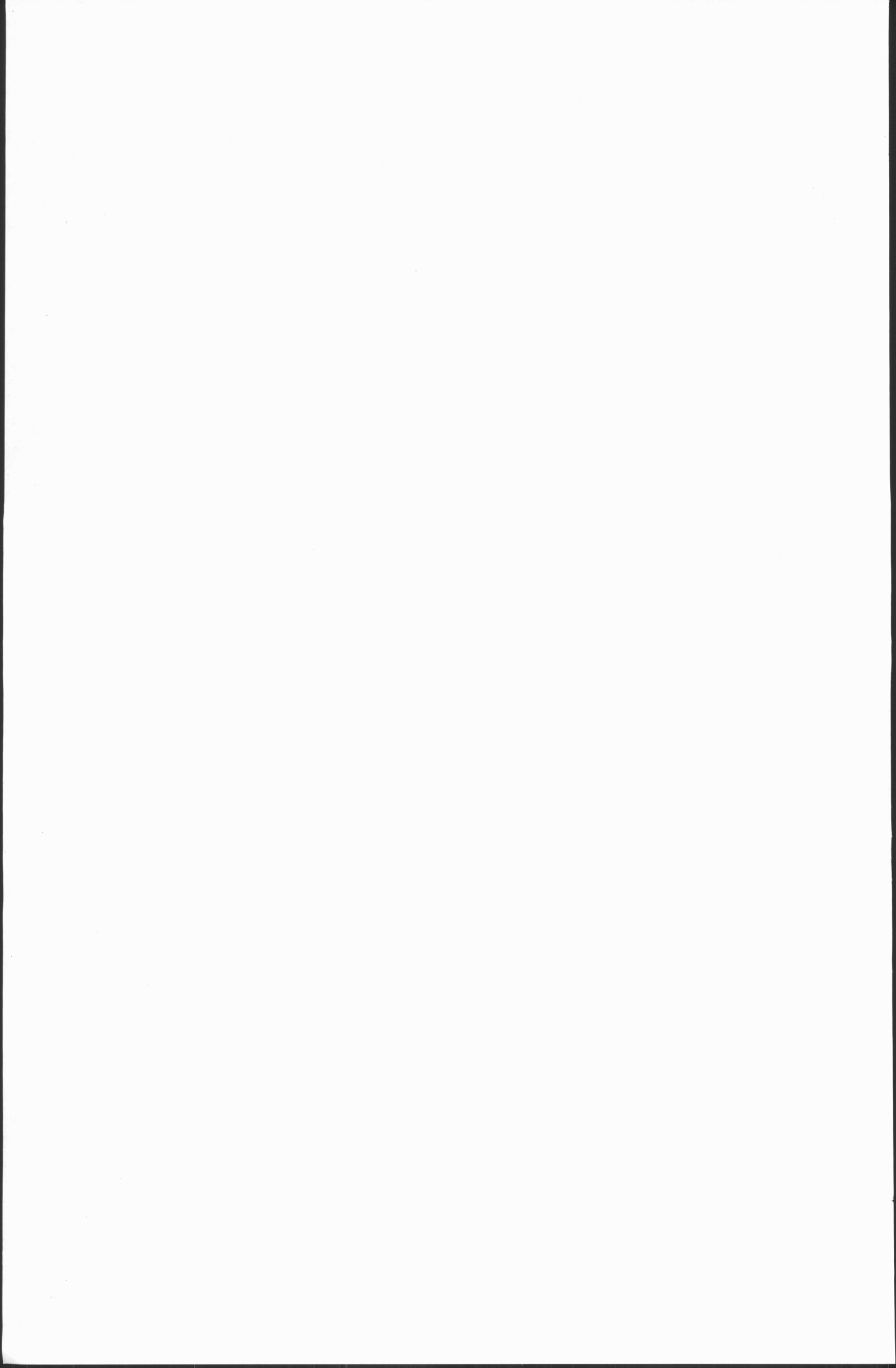
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## INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Base: 1928/29 - 19,799 Employees = 100)

Month	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
January	226	237	241	232	231	229
February	228	240	241	235	233	231
March	231	242	240	236	234	233
April	230	243	239	234	233	233
May	231	242	238	234	230	232
June	230	239	235	231	228	229
July	230	238	231	229	229	229
August	230	239	230	229	229	230
September	232	241	233	232	230	229
October	233	241	233	232	232	229
November	234	243	233	233	231	231
December	233	242	232	232	231	230

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1959 are preliminary.





STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area			South-West Land Division			Goldfields and Rest of State		
	Male			Female			Male		
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
26/10/59	14.	1.	6	9.	3.	0	14.	1.	3
30/ 1/60	-			10.	11.	2	-		
							10.	10.	11
							-		
							10.	8.	0

Female wage adjusted from 65% to 75% of male wage from first pay period commencing on, or after, this date.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS AND MEAT PRODUCTION

(1) SLAUGHTERINGS (Number)

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
December, 1959	14,497	2,332	145,690	65,984	17,943
December, 1958	15,600	2,709	137,439	61,760	18,827
6 Months ended December, 1959	115,104	14,610	901,165	519,092	95,289
6 Months ended December, 1958	107,434	16,225	826,083	570,227	114,102

(2) MEAT PRODUCTION (Tons)

Period	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pork(a)
December, 1959	2,976	88	2,552	931	905
December, 1958	3,087	114	2,534	855	884
6 Months ended December, 1959	24,359	567	16,032	7,149	5,181
6 Months ended December, 1958	22,214	647	15,610	8,046	5,688

(a) Includes pork for bacon and ham - see page 12.

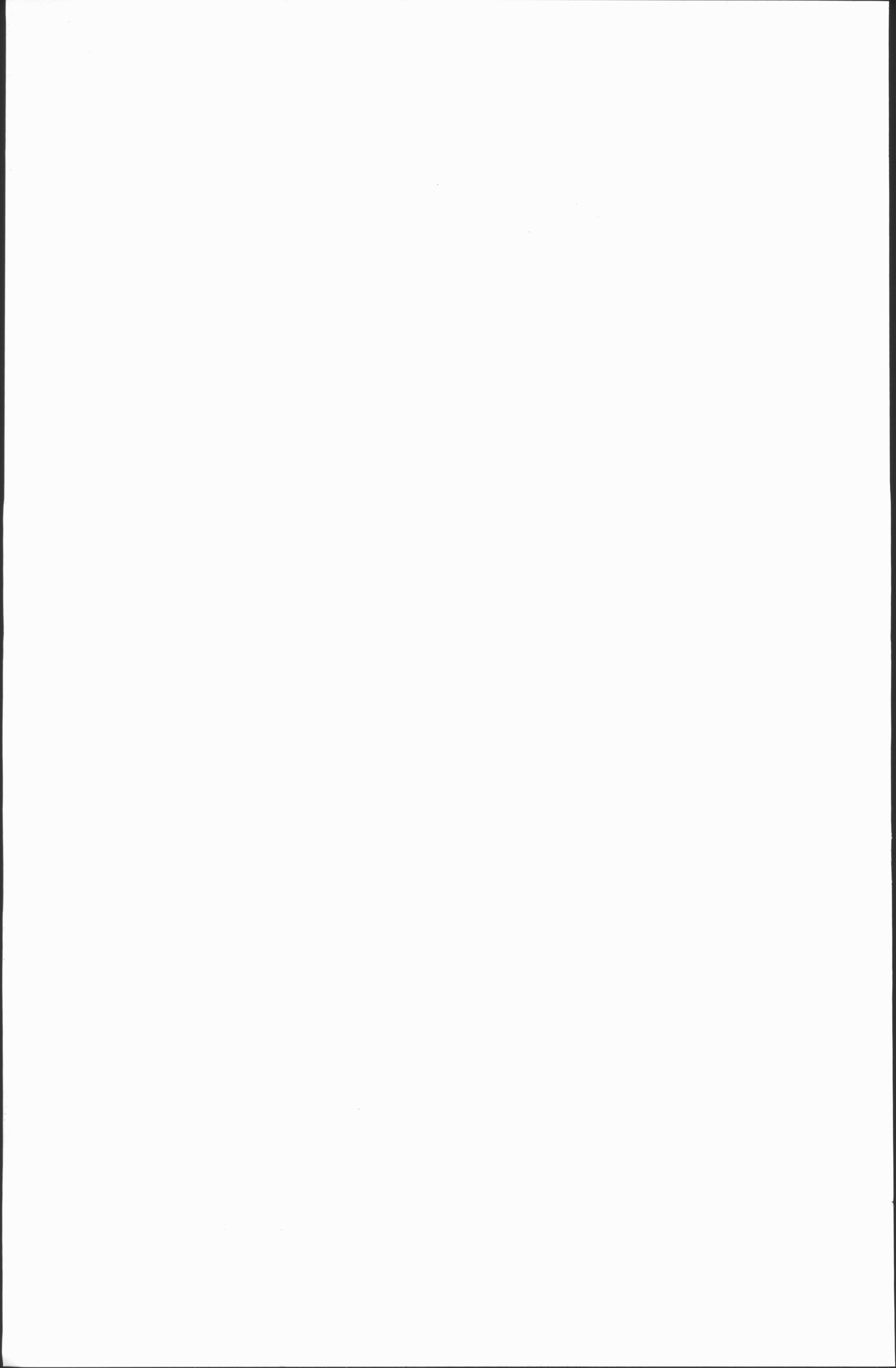
ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

The term "Metropolitan" refers to the Metropolitan Traffic Area.

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State
1954	5,072	6,896	2,415	3,289	7,487	10,185	96	185	3,028	4,309
1955	5,878	7,907	2,237	3,158	8,115	11,065	110	199	2,669	3,987
1956	5,866	7,961	2,161	3,036	8,027	10,997	102	182	2,653	3,889
1957	6,150	8,343	2,244	3,220	8,394	11,563	87	152	2,733	4,068
1958	6,614	8,691	2,412	3,451	9,026	12,142	80	183	2,990	4,478
1959	6,349	8,492	2,474	3,521	8,823	12,013	86	171	3,135	4,624
1959 -										
January	448	663	193	291	641	954	7	16	248	420
February	460	594	199	284	659	878	5	13	265	386
March	464	628	217	296	681	924	11	17	255	364
April	449	625	198	270	647	895	2	8	247	346
May	579	748	199	309	778	1,057	5	15	254	397
June	575	766	204	271	779	1,037	12	17	245	317
July	564	764	238	320	802	1,084	8	11	272	392
August	617	819	204	290	821	1,109	1	9	276	377
September	490	652	175	250	665	902	5	7	246	359
October	598	*754	221	316	819	*1,070	12	23	282	428
November	482	*645	188	*288	670	* 933	6	15	224	*385
December	623	834	238	336	861	1,170	12	20	321	453

\* Revised.



AVERAGE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRICES (METROPOLITAN MARKETS)

Note - The average prices shown in this table have been computed from a systematic sample of auctioneers' records of fruit and vegetables sold on the auction floor at each sale conducted at the Metropolitan Markets. Where the volume of sales of a particular commodity in any month outside its recognized season does not reach a significant proportion of sales for the year, a price has not been shown.

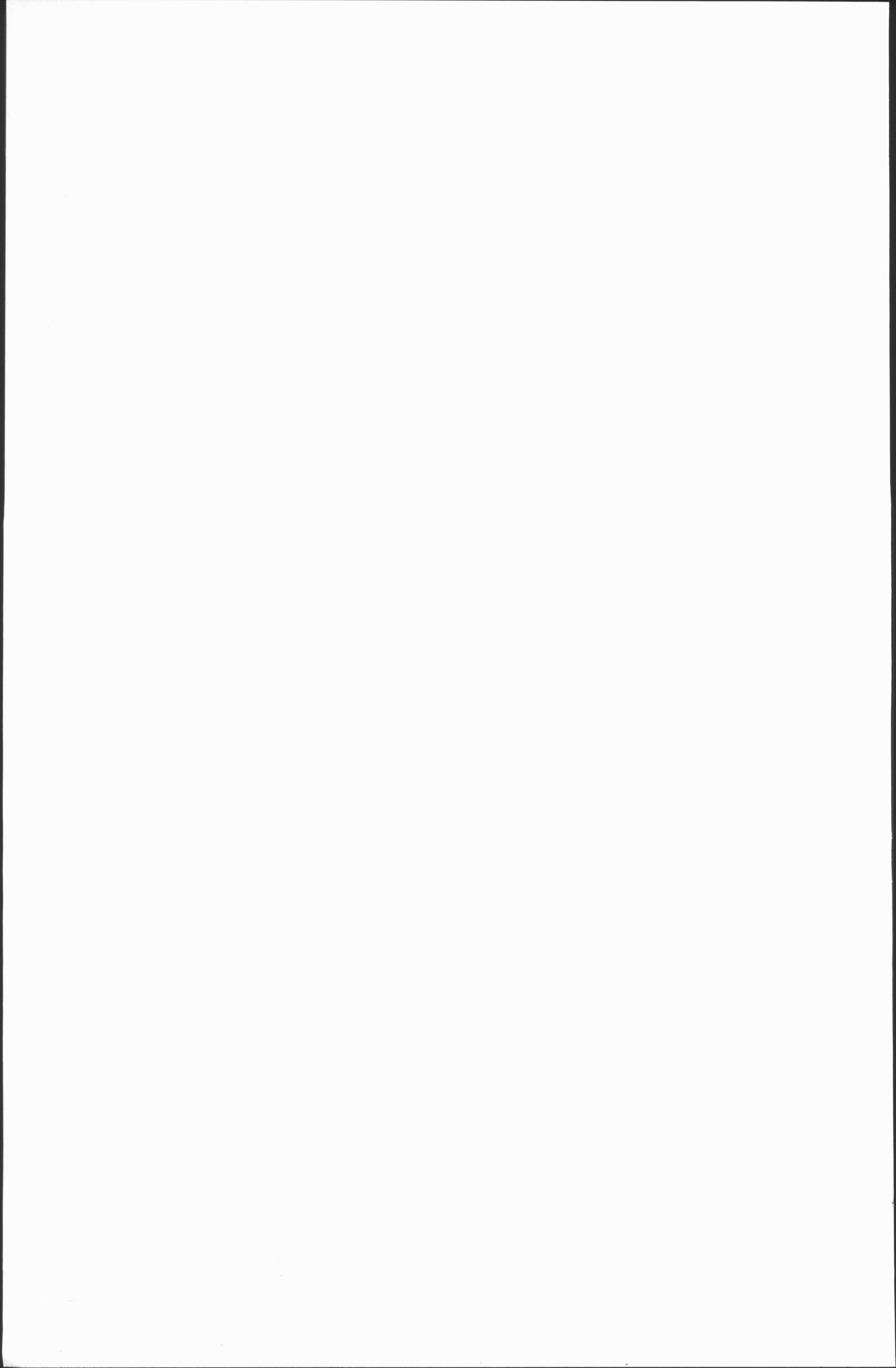
Item	Unit	1959												1960
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
FRUIT		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Lemons	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	23. 6	20.10	23. 6	25. 4	15. 7	13. 9	13. 0	10. 2	12.10	12. 6	11. 6	11. 2	11. 3
Oranges - Navel	bush.	-	-	-	-	39.11	30. 0	27. 8	29. 2	32. 7	40. 3	-	-	-
- Val.	bush.	40. 3	43. 6	40. 9	43.10	-	-	-	25. 6	28. 0	28. 8	28. 4	29. 0	35. 1
Bananas - Local	lb.	1. 0	8	8	11	9	11	1. 1	1. 2	1. 1	1. 4	1. 1	1. 0	1. 0
Apples - G.Smith	bush.	-	-	16. 9	18. 4	22. 7	22. 4	25. 2	25. 5	32. 9	38. 6	40. 7	38. 7	44. 3
- Other	bush.	33. 6	24. 7	20.10	29. 9	26. 6	23. 6	24. 9	26.10	29. 5	34. 4	42. 6	49.10	37. 6
Pears	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	29. 0	16.10	16.11	24. 2	21.10	17. 3	23.10	27. 0	27.11	-	-	-	-
Apricots	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	35.11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32.11	38.10	42.11
Nectarines	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	24.11	22. 6	29. 0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33. 0
Plums	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	18. 6	17. 6	22. 8	31. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	46. 2	30.11
Peaches	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	19. 8	16. 4	20. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22.10	27. 8	34. 6
Grapes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	20. 2	19. 7	24.10	27. 2	28. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	26. 4	28. 4
VEGETABLES														
Cabbage	crate $\neq$	9. 4	13. 8	16. 7	11.10	11. 1	7. 1	6. 4	5. 2	5. 2	6. 3	7. 6	6. 2	4. 1
Cauliflowers	dozen	-	18.10	13.10	17. 7	17.10	9. 9	13. 8	9. 4	16. 5	16. 9	14. 2	-	-
Lettuce	crate	14. 2	8. 3	8.10	8. 5	11. 7	15. 2	9.10	11. 3	13. 4	11. 4	11. 9	6. 0	6.11
Table Celery	doz.head	7. 7	8. 2	7. 4	7. 5	6.10	7. 0	6. 6	6. 9	7. 5	9. 2	8. 7	7.10	6. 8
Beetroot	cwt.	35. 5	50. 0	66. 3	23. 6	19. 4	24. 5	21.10	22. 8	26. 1	24. 1	22. 8	25. 6	20.11
Carrots	cwt.	32. 5	46. 2	64. 7	63. 8	41. 6	36. 0	24. 6	25. 1	28. 6	61. 4	57. 5	23.11	17. 1
Parsnips	cwt.	67.10	93. 7	112. 4	127. 3	125. 4	87. 9	64. 2	45.11	46. 6	44.11	47. 1	46.10	38. 2
Turnips	$\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.bag	11. 1	15. 3	12. 7	10. 5	12. 2	12. 6	5.10	4. 4	5. 0	4. 8	9. 3	7. 0	5. 0
Swedes	cwt.	56.10	62. 0	58. 2	60.10	57. 1	38.10	30. 3	29. 7	27. 4	29. 6	44.10	49. 9	25. 9
Runner Beans	lb.	1. 1	11	1. 1	5	11	1. 0	1. 3	1. 3	1. 5	1. 6	9	8	5
Peas	lb.	1. 7	1. 9	1. 3	1. 2	1. 3	1. 5	1. 9	1. 0	1. 0	1. 0	11	1. 2	1. 5
Sweet Potatoes	lb.	7	7	5	5	4	5	6	6	7	9	10	8	11
Pumpkin	bag	33. 5	18. 1	16.10	15. 8	17. 6	19. 3	19. 2	29. 6	36. 1	43. 1	60. 6	42. 5	23. 9
Tomatoes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	14. 6	13. 8	15.10	14. 9	20.10	19. 8	28. 3	35.11	28. 3	21. 5	18. 2	15. 9	19. 1
		£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.
Onions (a)	ton	40. 0.0	40. 0.0	40. 0.0	40. 0.0	50. 0.0	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	55. 0.0	55. 0.0	55. 0.0
Potatoes (b)	ton	36.10.0	36.10.0	36.10.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0

(a) W.A. Onion Marketing Board's price to Merchants delivered Metropolitan Area.

(b) W.A. Potato Marketing Board's price to Merchants F.O.R. Perth.

(c) Onion Pool closed.

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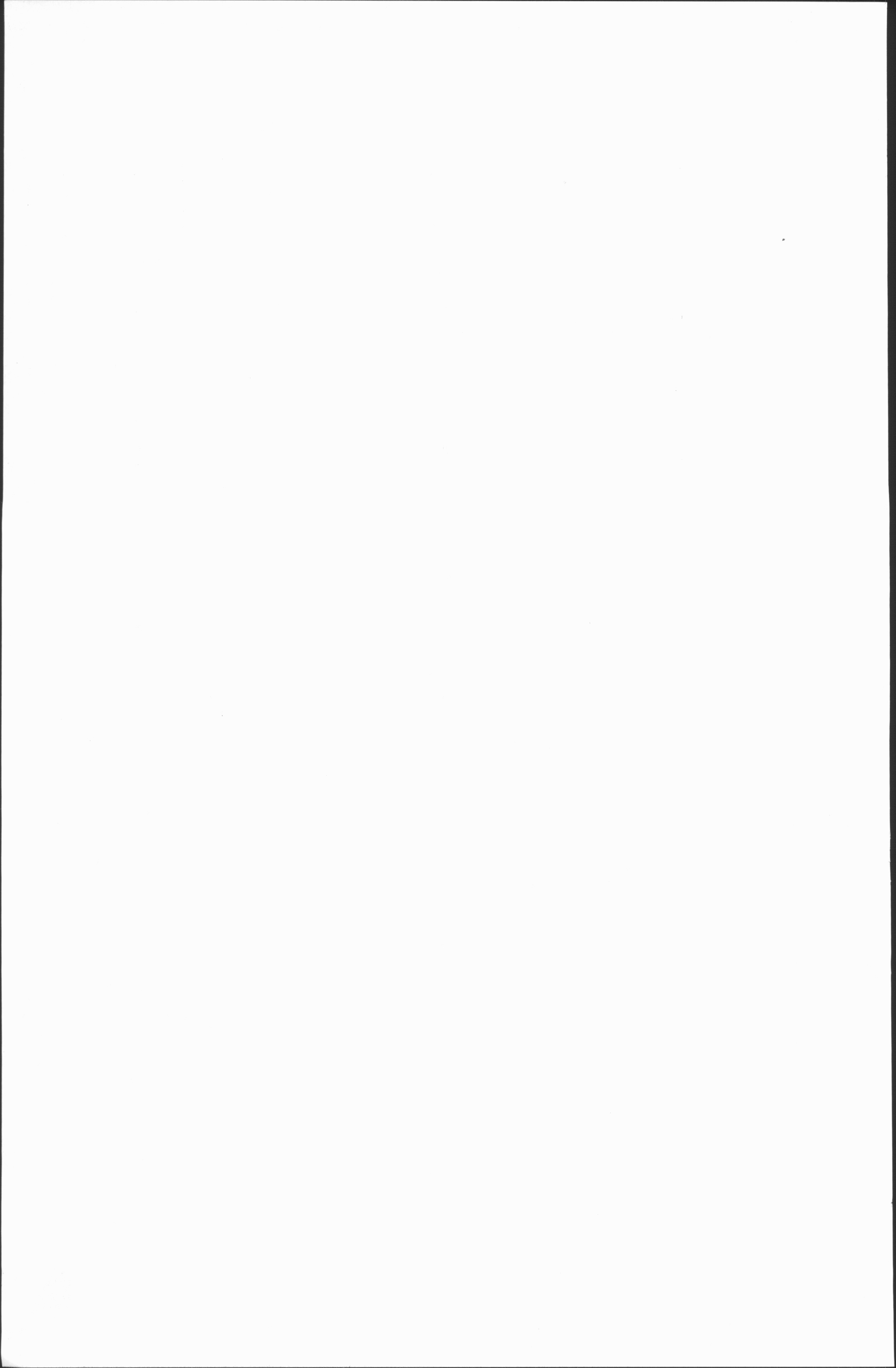


(b) W.A. Potato Marketing Board's price to Merchants F.O.R. Perth.

(c) Onion 1000 closed.  
/ 50 lb. crate.

AVERAGE PRICES PER HEAD OF LIVESTOCK - GOOD QUALITY - SOLD AT THE MIDLAND JUNCTION SALEYARDS

Item	1959												1960
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
SHEEP													
Suckers	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.10. 5	3.12. 7	2.14.11	2.12. 5	2. 9. 1	-	-
Lambs													
In Wool	-	-	3.13. 7	3.17. 1	4. 9. 2	5. 3. 3	4. 6. 9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shorn	3. 4. 2	3.16. 5	-	-	-	4. 9. 6	3. 9. 4	-	-	2. 1.10	2. 4. 6	2.12. 2	2.18.11
Hoggets													
In Wool	-	-	-	3. 7. 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shorn	2.11. 3	3. 0. 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.10. 7	2.16. 9
Ewes													
In Wool	-	-	1.18. 5	2. 3. 6	2.14. 2	3. 5. 6	3. 3. 3	3. 6.10	-	-	-	-	-
Shorn	1.13.11	1.18. 6	-	-	-	-	1.14.11	1.16. 2	1. 6. 4	1. 3. 4	1. 3. 9	1.11. 3	1.14.11
Wethers													
In Wool	-	-	2. 7. 4	2.14. 1	3. 4. 0	3.13. 1	3.12. 1	3.13. 9	2.18. 5	-	-	-	-
Shorn	2. 4. 5	2. 7. 5	-	-	2. 3.11	2. 9.11	2. 7. 8	2. 2. 3	1.14. 6	1.13. 7	1.13.10	2. 2. 0	2.11. 8
CATTLE													
Baby Beef	28. 2. 8	29. 4. 9	31.14. 4	33.17. 1	39.11. 4	37.17.11	37. 7.11	36. 7. 1	31.10. 1	29.17. 1	30. 1. 9	30. 0. 9	31.16.10
Heifers	37. 5.11	-	-	-	-	43.11. 0	44.17. 2	42.19. 9	40. 9. 4	35. 8.10	36. 5. 5	37. 0. 6	38.11. 6
Cows	40. 3. 3	40. 3.11	42. 8. 7	46.10. 4	51. 7. 7	50. 3. 0	48.14. 0	47. 7. 3	45. 2.10	42. 9. 7	44. 9. 3	44.19. 1	47. 8. 9
Steers	43. 0. 0	44. 1. 0	45. 5. 7	48. 8. 3	55.14. 4	51. 2. 1	49. 4. 8	50. 2. 9	45. 4. 1	44.15. 6	44.17. 4	46. 5. 5	49.13. 8
Bullocks	-	-	-	53.16.11	56.15. 1	60.11. 2	-	56.15. 2	51. 7.10	51. 4. 2	52. 2.10	53. 6. 2	-
PIGS													
Slips	5.14.11	4.18. 5	5. 4. 7	5.19. 1	6. 1. 6	6. 8. 4	6.18. 5	7.15. 1	6.15.10	5. 8. 2	6.15. 5	7. 3. 2	7. 1.10
Porkers	9. 6. 4	9. 1. 3	8.17. 5	10. 0.11	9.13. 6	10.17.10	10.15. 0	11.12. 8	12.13. 0	12. 7. 6	11.14. 7	11.17. 2	11. 4. 3
Baconers	14. 7. 7	14.11.10	13.18. 3	15. 4.11	15. 2. 8	15.14. 5	16. 0.11	17. 9. 4	20. 4. 4	20. 5. 9	18.14. 0	18. 9. 2	18. 7. 3



# RETAIL HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES - NEW AGREEMENTS MADE

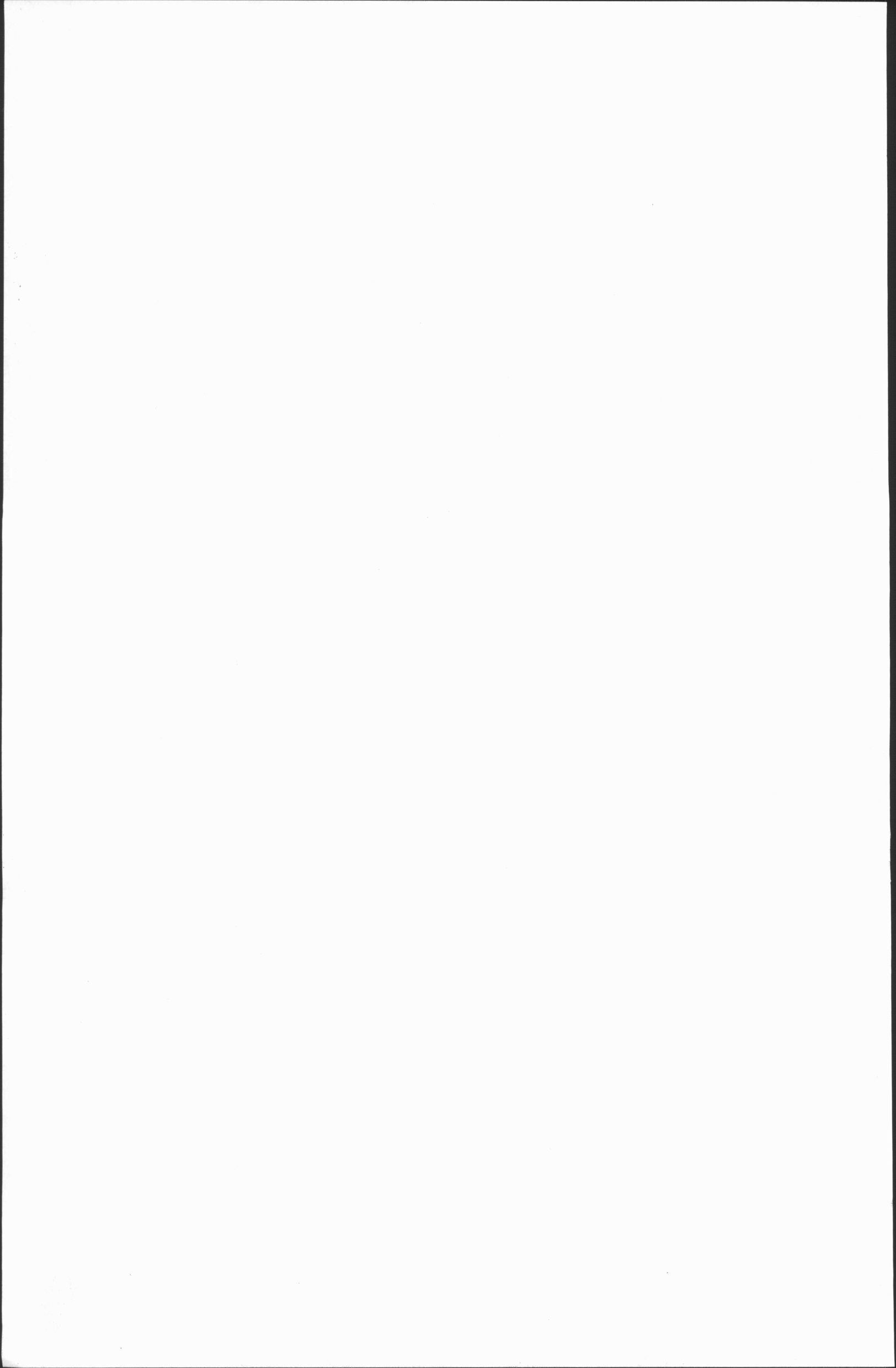
Figures relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. These comprise public and private companies, partnerships, banks and other finance businesses.

Period During which New Agreements were made	Motor Vehicles Tractors, etc. (a)			Plant and Machinery (b)			Household and Personal Goods (c)			Total (All Goods)			Total Balances Outstanding at end of each period (f)
	Agree- ments	Value of Goods (d)	Amount Financed (e)	Agree- ments	Value of Goods (d)	Amount Financed (e)	Agree- ments	Value of Goods (d)	Amount Financed (e)	Agree- ments	Value of Goods (d)	Amount Financed (e)	
YEAR ENDED JUNE:	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	£'000
1955	21,679	14,645	8,505	745	604	387	49,831	3,835	3,091	72,255	19,084	11,983	14,151
1956	21,810	14,644	9,133	821	531	334	57,592	4,484	3,674	80,223	19,659	13,141	15,388
1957	20,790	13,524	8,325	1,385	963	604	60,417	4,338	3,523	82,592	18,825	12,452	15,488
1958	26,321	18,176	11,263	1,829	1,542	1,081	64,214	4,811	3,880	92,364	24,529	16,224	19,052
1959	26,998	18,216	11,264	2,145	1,782	1,167	51,721	4,166	3,340	80,864	24,164	15,771	20,779
MONTH:													
1958 - April	2,303	1,757	1,059	226	204	143	4,485	331	267	7,014	2,292	1,469	18,534
May	2,314	1,645	1,028	170	129	95	4,938	358	285	7,422	2,132	1,408	18,859
June	2,078	1,409	874	102	75	57	4,927	323	267	7,107	1,807	1,198	19,052
July	2,252	1,472	908	112	58	41	4,513	311	250	6,877	1,841	1,199	19,160
August	2,050	1,323	815	101	116	90	4,294	302	246	6,445	1,741	1,151	19,363
September	2,234	1,523	945	146	117	77	4,406	346	276	6,786	1,986	1,298	19,605
October	2,602	1,673	1,037	234	230	143	5,035	387	321	7,871	2,290	1,501	20,107
November	2,283	1,645	1,024	324	367	234	4,881	402	328	7,488	2,414	1,586	20,708
December	2,355	1,593	992	190	174	110	6,086	494	402	8,631	2,261	1,504	21,201
1959 - January	2,343	1,512	952	114	62	43	4,572	478	359	7,029	2,052	1,354	21,308
February	2,140	1,441	893	139	111	71	3,517	324	253	5,796	1,876	1,217	20,570
March	2,122	1,569	956	188	143	95	3,637	279	227	5,947	1,991	1,278	20,526
April	2,262	1,598	977	274	204	129	3,793	311	249	6,329	2,113	1,355	20,699
May	2,178	1,455	896	192	123	82	3,808	270	220	6,178	1,848	1,198	20,818
June	2,177	1,412	869	131	77	52	3,179	262	209	5,487	1,751	1,130	20,779
July	2,213	1,562	952	139	97	63	3,330	294	229	5,682	1,953	1,244	20,878
August	2,282	1,641	1,026	132	87	61	3,613	281	227	6,027	2,009	1,314	21,107
September	2,446	1,596	1,002	174	145	89	3,741	356	289	6,361	2,097	1,380	21,407
October							Particulars not yet available						(g) 21,944
November							do.						(g) 22,896
December							do.						(g) 23,646

(a) Includes new and used motor cars, motor cycles, commercial vehicles, tractors, caravans, motor parts and accessories.

(b) Includes farm machinery and implements, earth-moving equipment, aircraft, industrial plant and machinery, business machines and equipment (including commercial refrigeration equipment), etc. (c) Includes furniture and furnishings, domestic refrigerators, electrical goods, radios, musical instruments, bicycle and other household and personal goods. (d) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance). (e) Excludes hiring charges and insurance. (f) Includes hiring charges and insurance.

(g) Preliminary estimate, subject to revision.



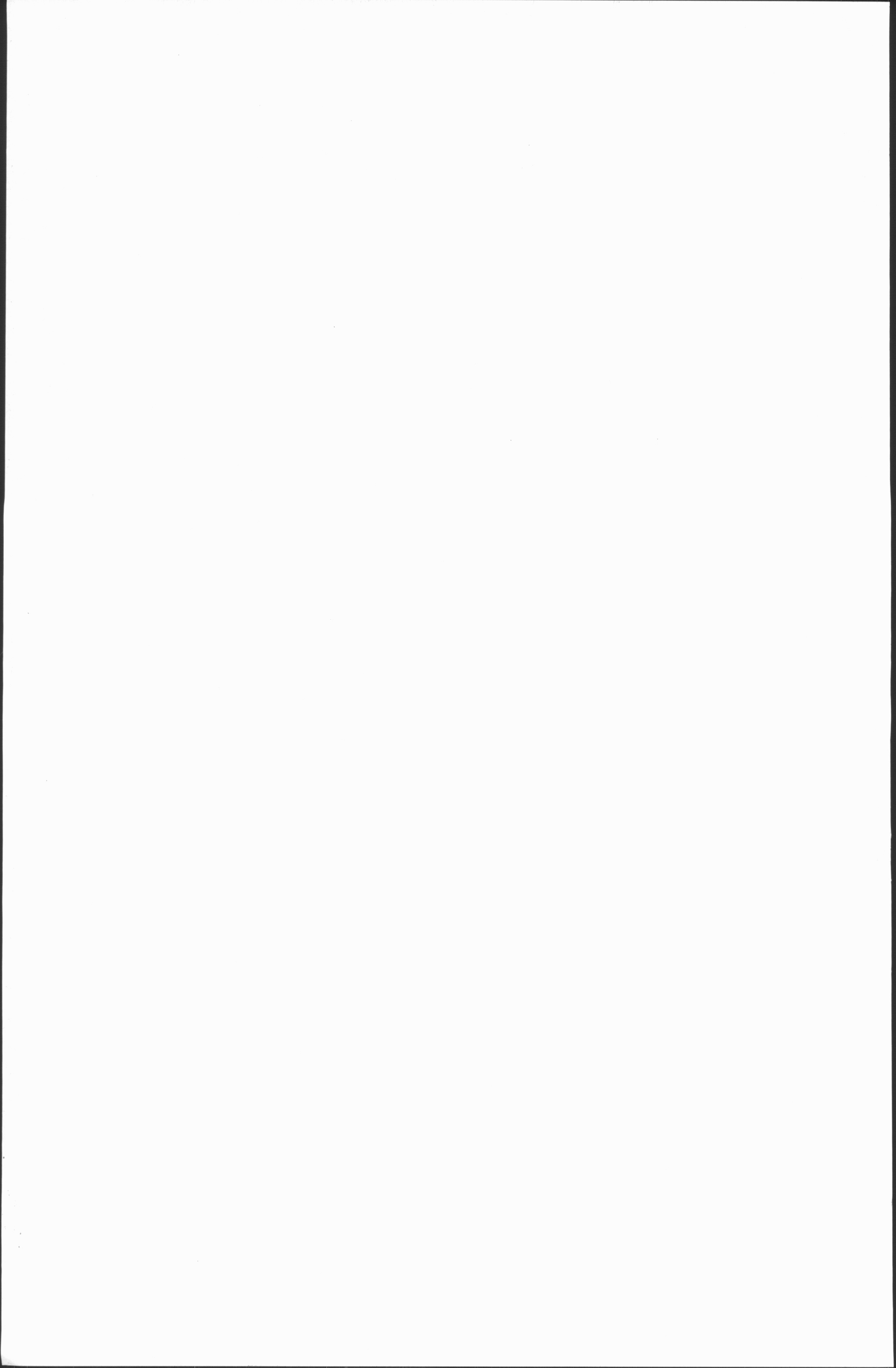


VALUE OF RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS: £ MILLION

The figures in the table below relate to goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainment, meals, etc.) sold to the public by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards). The figures for the years 1948-49, 1952-53 and 1956-57 were obtained from Censuses taken in respect of those years, whereas particulars for 1957-58, 1958-59 and quarterly periods are estimates based on sample surveys and are subject to revision for all periods subsequent to 30th June, 1957.

Period	Groceries	Butchers' Meat	Other Food (a)	Beer, Wine and Spirits	Clothing and Drapery (b)	Footwear	Hardware, China and Glassware (c)	Electrical Goods (d)	Furniture and Floor Coverings	Chemists' Goods	News-papers Books etc.	Other Goods (e)(f)	Total excl. Motor Vehicles, etc.	Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc. (g)
<u>YEAR</u>														
1948-49	10.8	4.0	7.1	8.5	12.6	1.7	3.8	2.4	3.0	1.6	1.7	7.5	64.7	13.7
1952-53	20.7	8.2	13.7	14.4	20.5	3.6	9.3	6.1	5.2	3.2	3.3	18.2	126.4	37.3
1956-57	26.2	11.3	18.6	17.6	24.2	3.9	10.1	7.5	6.1	4.6	4.4	21.3	155.8	49.3
1957-58	*27.4	*11.9	*19.5	*19.5	*28.6	(h)	*10.1	*8.2	*6.5	(i)	(i)	*31.8	163.5	56.3
1958-59	28.8	11.2	19.5	18.4	24.9	4.2	10.9	8.6	6.6	5.6	4.8	21.3	164.8	55.3
<u>Sept. Qr.</u>														
1956	6.6	2.9	4.4	3.8	6.6	(h)	2.4	1.6	1.5	(i)	(i)	6.6	36.4	11.5
1957	6.6	3.0	4.6	4.2	6.7	(h)	2.5	1.9	1.6	(i)	(i)	7.0	38.1	13.6
1958	7.0	2.8	4.6	4.0	5.9	1.0	2.5	1.9	1.6	1.3	1.1	4.4	38.1	13.0
1959	7.5	2.9	5.0	4.2	6.3	1.1	2.7	2.4	1.7	1.4	1.1	4.5	40.8	14.7
<u>Dec. Qr.</u>														
1956	6.7	2.8	4.8	4.7	8.2	(h)	2.7	2.3	1.6	(i)	(i)	7.8	41.6	12.5
1957	7.2	3.0	5.0	5.3	8.5	(h)	2.9	2.6	1.8	(i)	(i)	8.1	44.4	14.7
1958	7.6	2.8	5.0	5.2	7.1	1.2	3.1	2.9	1.8	1.5	1.3	5.2	44.7	14.1
1959	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)	48.1	(j)
<u>March Qr.</u>														
1956	6.4	2.6	4.8	4.6	5.8	(h)	2.3	2.1	1.4	(i)	(i)	7.8	37.8	12.7
1957	6.3	2.7	4.7	4.9	6.0	(h)	2.4	1.8	1.5	(i)	(i)	8.1	38.4	12.1
1958	6.7	2.9	5.0	5.4	6.0	(h)	2.4	2.0	1.5	(i)	(i)	8.5	40.4	14.0
1959	7.0	2.7	5.2	5.0	5.1	0.9	2.6	2.0	1.5	1.3	1.2	5.6	40.1	13.9
<u>June Qr.</u>														
1956	6.7	2.8	4.3	3.7	7.3	(h)	2.5	1.5	1.4	(i)	(i)	7.5	37.7	11.1
1957	6.6	2.9	4.7	4.2	7.3	(h)	2.6	1.8	1.5	(i)	(i)	7.8	39.4	13.2
1958	6.9	3.0	4.9	4.6	7.4	(h)	2.3	1.7	1.6	(i)	(i)	8.2	40.6	14.0
1959	7.2	2.9	4.7	4.2	6.8	1.1	2.7	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.2	6.1	41.9	14.3

(a) Includes Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Cakes, Pastry, Cooked Provisions, Fish, etc., but excludes most delivered Milk and some delivered Bread. (b) Excludes Footwear in 1956-57, 1958-59 and for quarters from September, 1958. (c) Excludes Basic Building Materials (e.g. Timber, Building Sheets, Tiles, Joinery, Cement). (d) Includes Radios, Television and Accessories, Musical Instruments, Domestic Refrigerators, etc. (e) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, etc., Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (f) Excludes newspapers, etc., and Chemists' Goods in 1956-57, 1958-59 and for quarters from September, 1958. (g) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth-moving Equipment, etc. (h) Included with Clothing and Drapery. (i) Included with Other Goods. (j) Not yet available. \* Revised.



MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS

Item	Unit	DECEMBER		Six Months ended DECEMBER	
		1959	1958	1959	1958
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	number	375	171	2,819	2,755
Bricks - Clay	'000	7,805	7,149	52,072	49,154
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq. yd.	99	87	661	655
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	1,758	1,539	11,855	11,968
Ready Mixed Paints and Enamels excluding Water Paints	gallon	30,511	26,573	187,392	152,393
Tiles, roofing - Cement	'000	465	385	2,885	2,693
Timber - Sawn (from Local Logs). (a)	'000 sup. ft.	14,115	14,670	112,643	110,210
<u>Clothing</u>					
Blazers - Men's and Boys'	number	740	695	5,175	5,262
Pyjamas, Woven - Men's and Boys'	dozen	1,276	1,013	5,810	6,597
Shirts (all types) Men's and Boys'	"	5,557	4,149	34,857	31,744
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	number	35	55	339	397
- 2 piece	"	1,505	1,451	9,195	8,413
Trousers - Men's - Sport	"	7,193	4,741	38,758	31,114
- Work	"	11,469	5,311	93,894	77,500
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots, Shoes and Sandals (all types)	pair	60,230	56,687	330,446	336,726
Slippers	"	13,416	18,361	82,935	129,137
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Aerated Waters	'000 gallon	723	786	2,145	1,974
Cordials and Syrups	gallon	29,844	40,490	113,115	122,524
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	884	818	3,682	3,509
Butter	"	1,674	1,568	11,947	10,559
Cheese	"	289	288	2,422	1,806
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acid - Acetic	cwt.	495	585	3,798	3,209
- Sulphuric	ton	15,372	10,290	100,294	90,844
Coal	"	55,688	65,384	459,300	453,391
Electricity Generated	'000 k.W.h.	76,517	72,931	455,041	433,514
Gas Produced	million cub. ft.	113	109	719	752
Mattresses - Inner Spring	number	4,214	2,754	18,220	16,690
- Woven Wire	"	760	550	12,389	11,743
- Soft Filled	"	3,516	2,885	17,905	17,391
Motor Vehicle Bodies - Truck Trays	"	66	45	320	251
Pig Iron	ton	3,654	1,610	21,924	9,748
Superphosphate	"	42,641	27,062	280,955	248,070
Wool - Scoured	'000 lb.	3,102	2,340	16,753	12,512

(a) Includes plywood veneers in terms of super feet.

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